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In re Patent Application of

T. KANBE et al

Serial No. 10/046,987

Group Art Unit: 1773

Filed: January 17, 2002

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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND
MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed April 22, 2004,
Applicants submit the following Remarks.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x 42	\$
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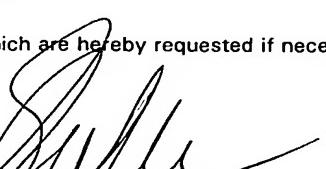
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